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37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). This statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (b) because:

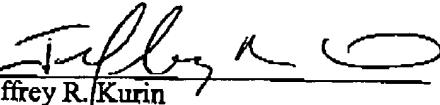
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Fee Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Xerox Deposit Account No. 24-0037. A Fee Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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